# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:399
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
EXTENSION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested extension of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) upto Class X from the present Class VIII or for the setting up of a mission for secondary education on the lines of the SSA;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made by the Planning Commission in its mid-term appraisal of the 10th Plan;

(c) whether the Centre has not so far paid adequate attention to Secondary School;

(d) if so, whether the Centre has considered the suggestion of the Planning Commission;

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(f) the time by when these suggestions are likely to be implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 399 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23.08.2005 BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD REGARDING EXTENSION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN.

(a) & (b) Planning Commission has, in its mid-term appraisal of the 10th Plan, recommended inter-alia that "in order to plan for a major expansion of Secondary Education in the event of achievement of full or near full retention under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a new mission for Secondary Education, on the lines of SSA, should be considered".

(c) to (f) Certain centrally-assisted schemes have been implemented for improvement of Secondary Education.

A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) was constituted in September, 2004, to prepare a blueprint for the universalisation of Secondary Education consequent upon the attainment of universalisation of Elementary Education. Report of the Committee has been received in July, 2005.

Recommendations of the CABE Committee and the Planning Commission are being examined. The recommendations are likely to be implemented by the 11th Plan period.